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**First Impressions**

**April 19, 1687**

**We’ve all been cooped up on this ship for about six weeks and I am so glad it’s finally over! We got on board on March 5, 1687 and arrived on April 19, 1687. When I first saw a glimpse of the land through the fog I was overwhelmed with joy. Everyone jumped up and down and it felt like the ship was going to tip over! Everyone was excited by the sight of land.**

**Once we arrived On Margaretine, we didn’t know what to do! We were all ready to start a new life, but none of us knew where to begin. I hope we are successful in living here. I really can’t wait to get situated and start living better.**

**We chose to settle in this area because there is rich planting soil here and a river that belongs to our colony.**

**Everybody, including children have so much to do! We have to build houses quickly to allow us time for planting. Soon we will build houses of timber and clapboards. We carved a few spears out of wood just in case we get attacked. Lastly, we found a few fruit trees currently being cared for by Natives. They were nice enough to let us have a few pieces of fruit and use the seeds to grow trees for ourselves. The farmers that were brought on the ship planted fruits and vegetables immediately. They also started raising the livestock brought on the ship. I hope our crops grow quickly because we only have so much food leftover. The next several days are going to be very busy.**